

**Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 2008**  
**45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine**

Meeting opened at 12:35.

**Board members present:** Acting Chair Peter Danton, Cushing Samp, Richard Arnold and Larry Hall. George McHale in the hospital.

**Staff members present:** Exec.Director Robert Welch, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

**Legal counsel:** Lara Nomani, Ass't A.G.

**Minutes from October 23, 2008 meeting**

**Motion** to accept: Cushing Samp moved to accept the minutes

**Seconded:** Larry Hall

**Vote:** 4-0

**Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

- Mr. Welch presented a statistics sheet of calls for service to Hollywood Slots for Bangor P.D. which totaled seven minor cases of theft, property check, subject intoxicated, traffic accidents, etc.
- Slot Tournaments – HS will be conducting some Slot tournaments which involve machines that are separated from the rest, which just tournament software in them which will be in storage unless there's a tournament scheduled. Regular registration will be paid for these machines. No payouts are given, but rather a scoring of highest points towards a prize.
- Mr. Welch presented a memo the Board he had drawn up showing Racino Revenue/Gambling Control Board budget vs. expenses. Revenues are deposited to the General Fund and disbursed from there to the various entities who receive monies. The GC Board budget does not get increased every week.

**Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Scott reports that there are still some variances, but continues to improve between the reporting system and Hollywood Slots numbers. 5-8 are not working out of 1000 machines. The revenue has dropped – attributed to the economy at this time. As requested by Mr. Danton, Scott checked into the University of Maine Scholarships, who receive 2% of revenue monies. Starting the second half of 2007, the scholarships were going to be awarded to all need based students, at all campuses. Prior to that, the scholarships had been designed to medical students only.

**State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Bill Gomane**

Sgt. Gomane advised the Board that since the last Board meeting, 38 applications had been received and are being processed at the Unit. 48 are pending approval. There have been five incidents at the facility involving theft, underage folks and criminal mischief.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Fine/Violations Sub-Committee Report – Cushing Samp**

Nothing to report.

## **New Business**

### **Adoption of Changes to Rule 8: Hours of Operation**

Pending is an action to adopt the new hours. A Public Hearing was held on November 25, 2008 with no public attendance. The Public Comment period ended December 5<sup>th</sup> and no public comments were received.

Ms Nomani advised the Board that since the public comment period closed on 12/5/08, several people in attendance could not offer public comments today. Bearing that in mind, Ms. Nomani advised the Board they had two possible options, where the deadlines had expired.

1. They can vote before deciding to hear the comments or:
2. They can decide to illicit written comments and extend the deadline.

**Motion:** Dick Arnold motioned to table this matter until the next meeting, which will have to be at least 30 days from this one and extend the comment period.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Larry Hall

**Amended:** by Cushing Samp to 21 days instead of 30 with a comment period starting December 17<sup>th</sup> and ending January 1/7/09.

**Vote:** 4-0.

**Next meeting January 14, 2009 Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**

**Motion** by Dick Arnold to adjourn

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Cushing Samp

**Vote:** 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Chamberlain  
Secretary